ब्लाक रेक मांगें संतोषजनक ढंग से पूरी की जा रही हैं। तथापि, फुटकर मांग को पूरा करने में कुछ अन्त रपड़ जाता है क्योंकि महत्वपूर्ण क्षेत्र की बढ़ी हुई मांग को पूरा करने तथा अनिवार्य पण्यों की तेज गति से ढुलाई करने के लिए बड़ी लाइन के बंद माल डिब्बों से ब्लाक रेकों की संरचना की गई है।

बड़ी लाइन के स्टाक की अपर्याप्त उपलब्धता के कारण बदन महल यानान्तरण के रास्ते संचलन सीमित कर दिया गया है और यानान्तरण गोंदिया में किया जा रहा है। छोटी लाइन के आन्तरिक संचलन की मांग पूर्णतः पूरी की जा रही है। तथापि, बड़ी लाइन के सुमेल स्टाक की अपर्याप्त उपलब्धता के कारण यानान्तरण यातायात के रास्ते कम है। इस समय छोटी लाइन के लगभग 500 माल डिब्बे फालतू हैं।

मनमाड-औरंगाबाद रेल लाइन का बदला जाना

345. **श्री विश्वासराव रामराव पाटिल :** क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि सम्पूर्ण मनमाड-औरंगाबाद रेल लाइन को बड़ी लाइन में बदल दिया गया है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस रेल लाइन पर कौन-कौन सी नई रेल गाड़ियां चलाये जाने का विचार है ;

(ग) क्या सरकार पर्यटन को बढ़ावा देने के लिए दिल्ली और औरंगाबाद के बीच कोई नई रेलगाड़ी चलाने का विचार रखती है; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो कब तक और यदि नहीं, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं ?

रेल मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री मल्लिकार्जुन) : (क) जी हां।

(ख) 2/3 फरवरी 1992 से 1321/1322 पुणे-मनमाड और 1603/1604 दौंड-मनमाड पैसेंजर गाड़ियों को औरंगाबाद तक/से बढ़ा दिया गया है। इसके अलावा; मनमाड-औरंगाबाद खंड पर 3 फरवरी; 1992 से 1351/1352 बंबई-औरंगाबाद एक्सप्रेस शुरू कर दी गयी है।

(ग) जी नहीं।

(घ) परिचालनिक और संसाधनों की कठिन स्थिति के कारण।

Bogibeel Bridge in Upper Assam

346. SHRIMATI BUOYA CHAKRA VARTY : Will the. Minister of RAIL WAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that there has been a long standing demand for the early construction of Bogibeel bridge in upper Assam; and

(b) if so, by when the cons truction work is likely to start ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) ; (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) After completion of the Rail-cum-road bridge at Jogighopa in 1994-95, subject to the approval by the Planning Commission.

Railway line between Khnrdba Road to Bolangir via Phalabani in Orissa

347. SHRI JAGADISH JANl : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have included the proposal for the construction of a Railway line between Khurdha Road to Bolangir *via* Phulabani in Orissa, in the Eighth Five Year Plan;

(b) if so, the funds earmarked in the project; and

(c) the steps taken to construct the line on priority basis ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Sambalpur-Talcher Railway line in Orissa

348. SHRI JAGADISH JANl : Wil) the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the total amount earmarked for the construction of Sambalpur-Talcher

Railway line in Orissa during the Eighth plan period;

(b) the amount allocated for 1992-93 annual plan; and

(c) the progress made in the construction of that line ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) The estimated cost of the line is about Rs. 200.00 crores. The funds for construction of new lines are made available annually by the Planning Commission and funds are provided to individual projects accordingly.

(b) The information is available in the Budget papers circulated to you on 25-2-92.

(c) 25% upto 12/91.

Requirement of wagons during Eighth Plan

349. SHRI JAGADISH JANI : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have made any assessment on the total requirement of wagons during Eighth Five Year Plan ;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of wagons propose to be built during that period; and

(d) what steps Government are taking to meet the demand of wagons ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The wagon requirement, both for replacement of overaged stock and for additional traffic anticipated, in the Five Year Plan (1992-97) has been assessed at about 1,50,000 wagons in terms of 4 wheeler units.

(c) The number would depend on the plan allocation in the Eighth Five Year Plan. Acquisition of about 27,500 wagons in 1992-93 has been programmed.

(d) A task force has been constituted to explore the feasibility of major rail users to contribute to the Railways' wagon pool by owning some wagons.

Privatisation of sectors of Indian Railways

350. SHRI SURESH KALMADI : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to privatise several sectors of Indian Railways for proper, efficient and profitable management;

(b) whether it is a fact that a high Powered Committee has been constituted in this regard; and

(c) if so, the terms of reference of the Committee ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) Railways transport is reserved for the public sector in the Industrial Policy of the Government announced on 24-7-1991. However, certain departmental catering establishments are proposed to be privatised.

(b) and (c) A Departmental Committee of Advisers has been constituted and the terms of reference of the Committee are:

(i) To indentify existing areas of activity which could be privatised, (ii) To suggest areas of new or additional activity that could be taken up in the private sector, (iii) while making its recommendations the Committee should give due consideration to the existing policies of the Government.

Diesel Engines for Rajdhani Express

351. SHRI JAGESH DESAI : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that two diesel engines are used from Bombay Central to Ratlam for Rajdhani Express.

(b) whether it is also a fact that electri fication has been completed on whole of this route from Bombay Central to New Delhi (A.C. current from Bulsur to New Delhi and D.C. current from- Bombay Central to Bulsor); and

(c) what steps Government propose to take to replace diesel engines by Electric Locomotives to save diesel consumption and thereby foreign exchange ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir. (New Delhi to Virar-25 KV AC system & Virar to Bombay Central 1500 Volts DC system).

(c) Possibility of manufacture of aa Electric Locomotive that can work Rajdhani train in DC electrified area also is being explored.